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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the proposals for South Warrington and in particular for the Stretton, Appleton and Appleton Thorn areas for a number of reasons.

Firstly, building housing developments on the green belt land in this area of South Warrington is completely unacceptable and will impact the environment, wildlife and the wellbeing of all residents. In particular, I was completely shocked to learn about the plans to build on the area currently owned by the Pewterspear Green Trust. This area currently includes a cricket pitch, football pitches and other areas such as ponds and walking paths. This area is enjoyed and used by people of all ages and is central to the wellbeing and enjoyment of all residents. Building on this area would completely remove all traces of recreational and green belt areas and would be simply devastating for residents in the immediate and surrounding areas.

Building on this green belt area is simply unacceptable, but even withstanding this point the vast area of housing and the number of new residents and traffic this would bring to the area would be overwhelming for the current infrastructure and services. Traffic on most of the roads in this area are already gridlocked at peak times and this influx of housing would only worsen the situation. The detrimental effect caused by the increased traffic cannot be overstated.

The provision of local health and educational services is already very stretched and the proposed development would overwhelm these services and leave inadequate provision for residents.

The vastly increased traffic and the complete removal of green belt areas would increase pollution to unacceptable levels. The increased traffic would also create a more dangerous situation for children and parents around the primary school, Stretton St. Matthews.

The scale of the planned development would completely destroy the feeling, history and ethos of the local area. It would be nothing short of devastating for residents of the immediate and surrounding areas.

I appeal to the council to reconsider these plans.

Yours sincerely,

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